January 19, 19

Mr. Phil Hughes
Timberline Industries
P.O. Box 178
Stockton, UT 84071

Re: Current Address and Status of Operation, DOE/045/028, Ophir Heap
    Leach, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We are presently conducting a file review of the mine operations
that have filed a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) with our Division.
A DOE is a mining operation in which less than 500 tons of material
is mined or less than two acres of land is excavated or used as a
disposal site during a period of 12 consecutive months. DOE's are
currently exempt from the "Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act". This
file review has the following two objectives:

1. Verify that names and addresses are current so that the operator
    can be notified of any new laws or rules that may impact his
    operation. We anticipate that the rules governing DOE's will be
    changed in 1987, but at this time we are not sure as to what
    form these rules will take nor what their impact will be.

2. Determine status of the operation and whether it has stayed
    within the limits of the DOE.

We have not been able to locate the whereabouts of a Mr. Edward
Phariss of Azeredo Minerals, Inc. who has filed the following four
DOE's with us:

    DOE/045/022 Morley Atkin Lease NW1/4, SE1/4, Sec.7, R4W, T4S
    DOE/045/024 Uriah Heap Lease NE1/4, SE1/4, Sec.13, R5W, T4S
    DOE/045/027 Jack Rabbit Flats NE1/4, SW1/4, Sec.30, R4W, T5S
    DOE/045/028 Ophir Heap Leach SW1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 29, R4W, T5S

Apparently the Ophir Heap Leach is now being operated by
Timberline Industries. We were given your name and address by the
BLM as a possible contact. Any information that you could give us
concerning the heap leach or the other three DOE's would be most
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Filas, Engineer

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